

---

---

WHATELY, MASS.

---

ANNUAL REPORTS.

---

1899.

---

---

WHATELY HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY INC.  
WHATELY, MASS. 01083

B 1999-035



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS,  
OF THE  
*TOWN OF WHATELY,*  
FOR THE  
**YEAR 1898.**



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:  
GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY.  
1899.



# Whately Town Warrant.

---

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To George F. Pease, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday the sixth day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted for on one ballot. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name for School Committee only.

ART. 3.—To vote by ballot “Yes” or “No” upon the question “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?”

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay its loans.

ART. 6.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the coming year, and appropriate the same.



ART. 7.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Registrars.

ART. 8.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise money for his salary.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town Grant, State and County Taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1st, 1899.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise, or instruct its officers to borrow money, for repairs, either special or general, on cemeteries, roads, bridges, or buildings, or for any legal purposes, or instruct its officers, committees, commissioners or trustees, in any matters of claims or suits, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 13.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to discontinuing the road from Victor D. Bardwell's north to Conway line, known as Poplar Hill Road.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said Town, said posting to be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LEMUEL F. GRAVES,	
WILLIS F. WAITE,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Whately.</i>

# Town Clerk's Report.

---

The vital statistics of the Town of Whately for the year 1898 :

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY, 1898.

Feb. 12. Carlton B. Sanderson, to Charles L. and Emma Sanderson.

March 8. Jesse Farrington Wilder, to Henry A. and Josie F. Wilder.

March 22. Ella Harriet Clark, to Lester C. and Lizzie D. Clark.

March 30. George Henry Wagner, to John and Rose P. Wagner.

April 11. Ralph Frederick Bardwell, to Fred T. and Marion G. Bardwell.

May 20. Leon Milton Morton, to Orson E. and Bessie M. Morton.

June 15. Clara Ruth Toomey, to Patrick and Hannah P. Toomey.

July 14. Frank George Dickinson, to Robert and Rose B. Dickinson.

Aug. 15. Dorothy Erwin Graves, to Fred L. and Luella S. Graves.

Nov. 11. Myra Lois Beers, to Arthur H. and Jennie H. Beers.

Comparison table of births for the last five years :

1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
19	14	11	9	10

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

March 31. Edson W. Strong of Hatfield, 28—Hattie M. Bardwell of Whately, 24 ; by Rev. Robert M. Woods.

April 5. George C. Field of Ashfield, 23—Lillian E. Morton of Whately, 24 ; by Rev. Chas. Stanley Pease.

April 28. George E. Sanderson of Whately, 33—Clara Elvira Dickinson of Whately, 23 ; by Rev. Eugene M. Frary.

May 2. Edgar C. Knight of Whately, 31—Mabel A. Curtis of Chesterfield, 18 ; by Rev. George L. Dickinson.

May 24. Lewis A. Scott of Whately, 24—Alice Barreall of Worcester, 19 ; by John A. Thayer, Esq.

June 22. Charles Sweet of South Meriden, Ct., 23—Flora B. Jenney of Whately, 19 ; by Rev. Robert M. Woods.

Aug. 3. Edward E. Smith of Whately, 34—Leonora A. Dill of Whately, 24 ; by Rev. George L. Dickinson.

Oct. 5. Patrick T. Boyle of Hatfield, 28—Elizabeth A. Brennan of Whately, 22 ; by Rev. M. A. O'Sullivan.

Nov. 30. James A. Wood of Whately, 28—Florence B. Whiting of Mt. Vernon, N. H., 22 ; by Rev. Stephen J. McGown.

Dec. 21. Stephen C. Kingsley of Whately, 51—Mary E. Roote of Whately, 49 ; by Rev. George L. Dickinson.

Comparison table of marriages for the last five years :

1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
8	6	10	8	10

## DEATHS REGISTERED.

Date.	Name.	yrs.	m.	d.
Jan. 11.	Son (still-born), child of J. Nelson and Flora Wing.			
Feb. 13.	Charles O Beals,	25		
15.	James P. Hickey,	35	11	28
Mch. 10.	Delia Graves,	57		
11.	Harriet Graves,	91	2	28
May 1.	Albert W. Judd,	53		
June 14.	Frances B. Morton,	78	6	11



		yrs.	m.	d.
Aug. 10.	Joseph White,	2		
11.	Mary Londergan,	52		
28.	Calvin Knight,	87	5	26
31.	Lucretia H. Knight,	74	8	19
Sept. 2.	Jesse Farrington Wilder,		5	25
12.	Edith Louise Carroll,	2	7	
16.	Chester K. Waite,	73	1	4
Oct. 9.	Achsah W. Warner,	85	10	20

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years:

1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
15	16	13	19	15

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the records will be corrected.

### DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1898, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows:

60 male dogs at \$2.00,	\$120 00	
3 female dogs at \$5.00,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 00
Less fees, 63 dogs at 20 cents,		12 60
		<hr/>
Balance,		\$122 40
Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,		\$122 40

Comparison table for the last five years:

1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
\$100.20	\$87.00	\$82.20	\$85.80	\$122.40

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, *Town Clerk.*

## Collector's Report.

---

GEORGE F. PEASE in acct. with the Town of Whately.

*Dr.*

State Tax,	\$270 00	
County Tax,	1,104 91	
Town Tax,	5,108 75	
Overlayings,	249 79	
	<hr/>	\$6,733 45

*Cr.*

By amount paid R. C. Howes,	\$6,529 13	
Discount on Taxes,	159 09	
Abatements,	45 23	
	<hr/>	\$6,733 45

---

### LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE REGISTRARS.

Geo. W. Moore, Dexter Hagar, Herbert W. Ford, Lyman S. Munson, William H. Adkins, Arthur Beers, Warren P. Crafts, Geo. A. Elder, Henry S. Higgins. Herbert E. Roote, Charles H. Waite, Thomas Brennan.

# Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

*Dr.*

To Cash from R. C. Howes, ex-Treas.,	\$1,963 40
F. E. Sanderson, Collector, 1897,	601 62
Geo. F. Pease, " 1898,	6,733 45
Interest on Mary Dickinson Cemetery	
Fund,	92 02
W. S. Allen, Court Fines,	22 00
E. P. Shaw, State Treas., lunatic paupers,	24 20
" " Corporation Tax,	2 44
" " National Bank Tax,	689 72
" " State Aid,	296 00
" " Tuition Small Towns,	330 00
" " School Fund,	455 55
E. A. Newcomb, Co. Dog Fund,	88 74
S. B. Crafts, Temporary Loan,	250 00
Smith College, " "	1,000 00
L. F. Crafts, Cemetery Lots,	10 00
E. L. Grover, " "	5 00
L. F. Crafts, rent of Hall,	5 00
H. S. Higgins, Supt. Salary,	60 50
	————— \$12,629 64

## BY ORDERS PAID.

*Cr.*

By Outstanding Orders,	\$658 39
Old Bills,	41 77



State Aid,	\$345 50
Poor,	541 86
Highways,	798 48
Supt. Schools,	76 62
Schools,	1,422 77
Contingent,	474 76
Bridges and Culverts,	1,113 15
Library,	175 11
Railings,	20 37
Temporary Loans,	1,250 00
Interest,	106 78
Town Hall,	207 66
Cemeteries,	42 98
State Aid,	272 00
County Tax,	1,104 91
Discount,	159 09
Abatements,	47 84
Assessors,	88 07
Collectors,	125 00
Ballot Clerks,	4 00
Treasurer,	35 00
Registrars,	45 00
Auditor,	2 50
Selectmen,	200 00
Debt,	1,300 00
Balance,	1,970 03
	————— \$12,629 64

WHATELY, Feb. 22, 1899.

We have this day settled with the above-named Rylan C. Howes, Treasurer of the Town of Whately, and find in his hands and due the Town, the sum of Nineteen Hundred Seventy and  $\frac{3}{100}$  Dollars (\$1,970.03).

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LEMUEL F. GRAVES,	
WILLIS F. WAITE,	
	of
	} <i>Whately.</i>

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

## Selectmen's Report.

---

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have attended to their duties as defined by the Statutes and in accordance with the instructions of the Town, respectfully submit the following report :

A fair degree of prosperity has come to the inhabitants of Whately the past year, yet misfortune and destitution has overtaken some, and they have been assisted according to their needs. Our expenses in the pauper department have been \$626 36. Sickness has come to some of our paupers, and in the case of Albert W. Judd, death has come. We have endeavored to look carefully into all cases and render only such assistance as necessity demanded.

Two new iron bridges have been built in accordance with your vote last March, so that all bridges which exceed twenty feet in length are constructed of iron. We paid Collins and Norton \$185 for two bridges, and \$36.50 for steel floor joists for the West Brook bridge, delivered at the depot. We have repaired and painted the Town Hall, enlarged and refitted the library room, at a cost of \$236.49.

Our finances as a town are in good condition, the outstanding indebtedness (aside from town orders) being a note to the State Treasury of \$1,000. We have paid \$1,300 this year, and would suggest that the rest be paid the coming year, if it does cost an extra effort, and let us be free from debt. It would seem to be for the best interests of the tax payers to make sufficient appropriations to maintain efficient schools, good roads and bridges, and keep the town property in good order.

For expenditures in the different departments of town affairs, see the statement in detail. The Auditor having passed upon the report, we submit it for your consideration.

## CONTINGENT.

J. B. Bridges, fees in case of Thomas Callahan,	\$3 56
“ “ “ “ Minnie Hill,	12 71
“ “ “ “ Frank and Peter Smith,	18 88
“ “ “ “ Lewis Morton,	14 35
“ “ “ “ James Powers,	11 49
Seth B. Crafts, two ballot boxes \$2.00, stationery and express, \$2.40,	4 40
R. C. Howes, Collector's Bond,	18 75
C. H. Pierce, Insurance on Town Hall,	90 00
Lyman A. Crafts, two scraper edges,	17 00
Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle,	7 00
L. F. Graves, time and expense to Orange, care of Jewett family,	3 25
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense to Orange, care of Jewett family,	3 25
V. D. Bardwell, services as Elector,	10 00
L. F. Graves, time and expense to Springfield to buy Iron Bridge,	2 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense to Springfield to buy Iron Bridge,	2 00
F. A. Crafts, freight on Akron Pipe,	3 92
Mrs. Geo. A. Elder, indexing births, marriages, deaths,	2 50
F. T. Woodward, Treasurer's Bond,	12 50
S. E. Bridgman, Collector's Book and Warrant,	1 60
Gazette Printing Co., printing town reports,	28 00
A. H. Beers, survey and making sketch of swamp drain,	6 50
M. Howes & Son, oil, chimneys, wicks, etc., for Hall and Library,	3 95
M. Howes & Son, telephone expense,	26 49
E. S. Grover, right of way on account of bridge,	4 00
Hiram Graves, hanging lanterns,	1 50
Lyman Graves,	1 50
Geo. E. Sanderson, railings, and putting up,	2 00
Geo. F. Pease, tax on town land,	2 67
L. F. Graves, repairs on scraper, plow and tools,	2 55



G. Lyman Graves, hanging lantern,	1 25
S. B. Bardwell, putting up railings,	3 75
L. F. Graves, posts, railings, and labor,	26 18
F. A. Crafts, freight,	60
L. P. Alden, damage to wagon,	6 65
M. Howes & Son, telephone expense,	28 71
Lincoln Sanderson, support of water trough,	5 00
L. F. Crafts, repairs on Hall,	5 50
J. E. Waite, railings,	13 75
Moses Sanderson, damage to wagon,	75
Warren P. Crafts, support of water trough,	5 00
Lyman A. Crafts, " " "	10 00
Geo. E. Sanderson, " " "	3 00
C. A. Coville, " " "	3 00
Elisha Jenney's Estate, " " "	3 00
Irving Allis, " " "	10 00
Lucius Meekins, ringing the bell,	10 00
P. H. Chew, mortgage book,	12 00
F. L. Graves, repairs on road scraper, tools and bolts,	1 10
Geo. A. Elder, going to Montague with transcript of votes \$5, stationery index book \$2, Justice fees \$2, express \$2.65,	11 65
Geo. A. Elder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	10 30
L. F. Crafts, returning deaths,	3 25
" " care of Town Hall,	10 00
Seth B. Crafts, counsel fees, time and expense in the case of Minnie Hill,	15 05
Lyman A. Crafts, time and expense to Boston before Mass. Highway Commission in the interest of State Road,	13 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense to Boston before Mass. Highway Commission, in the interest of State Road,	13 00
Seth B. Crafts, freight \$4.07, express \$1.62, stationery \$1.24, drawing lumber 80c.,	7 73
M. Howes & Son, telephone expense,	24 44
" " supplies for Hall and Library,	5 98

Seth B. Crafts, time and expenses three times to Orange to attend to the Jewett family,	\$10 00
J. D. Seymour, M. D., reporting births,	2 00
Seth B. Crafts, cash paid the following persons for watch- ing the fire at Miss C. M. Whites: Cooley B. Dick- inson \$1.50, L. C. Clark \$1.50, Lincoln Sanderson \$1.50, Fred Bardwell \$1.50, Geo. B. McClellan \$1.50, Fred L. Graves \$1.50, Henry Wilder, pails de- stroyed, \$1.75,	10 75
	<hr/> \$604 71

## BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Noah Lee,	\$25 14
Lennie Sanderson,	2 25
L. F. Graves,	9 29
Chas. E. Bardwell,	5 25
Willis F. Waite,	2 80
E. L. Grover,	24 30
Seth B. Crafts,	11 40
L. F. Graves,	24 25
S. B. Bardwell,	3 75
John N. White,	1 25
F. L. Graves,	5 00
Thomas Flemming,	1 87
Mrs. M. Flavin,	2 50
Edward Scott,	75
Geo. Carroll,	5 00
Lyman A. Crafts,	4 25
Chas. J. Smith,	3 00
L. F. Graves,	15 13
S. B. Bardwell,	2 50
John Flavin,	9 00
Thomas Flemming,	8 25
Geo. Carroll,	1 12
J. H. Pease,	1 25

Seth B. Crafts,	\$12 63
Arthur Adkins,	40
Wm. Hubbard,	36
S. B. Bardwell,	7 50
Geo. Carroll,	10 00
Chas. Shepherd,	1 25
L. F. Graves,	41 78
C. A. Coville,	1 75
Geo. Carroll,	1 00
L. F. Graves,	1 00
L. F. Crafts,	1 05
Thos. Flemming,	1 50
John Flavin,	3 00
Patrick Dalton,	4 25
Fred Smith,	2 50
L. F. Graves,	25 20
L. F. Graves,	32 22
Wm. H. Adkins,	5 25
Lyman A. Crafts,	10 74
James Powers,	50
Fred E. Crafts,	5 50
Victor D. Bardwell,	26 90
Willis F. Waite,	4 24
Victor D. Bardwell,	26 91
Chas. E. Bardwell,	7 95
Levi Moore,	2 55
Fred Smith,	2 70
	<hr/>
	\$409 93

#### IRON BRIDGES.

Collins & Norton, two iron bridges,	\$185 00
“ “ steel floor joists West Brook bridge,	36 50
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	6 00
H. W. Bardwell, stone work for two bridges,	443 75
“ “ taking bridges from cars and placing in position,	50 00
	<hr/>
	\$721 25



## HIGHWAYS.

L. F. Graves,	\$3 50
D. P. Wells,	3 85
Warren P. Crafts,	1 75
James Morrissey,	5 60
Cooley B. Dickinson,	19 52
Thomas Brennan,	11 20
John Blunkard,	18 25
Fred L. Graves,	60
John Flavin,	75
Chester Damon,	75
Martin Twoomey,	1 30
A. E. Waite,	1 50
Frank D. Belden,	10 50
S. B. Bardwell,	3 16
Chas. J. Smith,	19 25
L. F. Graves,	14 73
Harry Sanderson,	8 86
Seth B. Crafts,	9 17
John Blunkard,	14 00
Emmett R. Parker,	1 73
Martin Twoomey,	2 62
L. F. Graves,	14 02
S. B. Bardwell,	1 50
Chas. J. Smith,	14 00
Willis F. Waite,	2 37
James Haskins,	3 95
Warren P. Crafts,	23 83
Hiram Dickinson,	15 00
Frank O. Scott,	17 80
James Nolan,	2 60
Willis F. Waite,	5 00
Chas. E. Bardwell,	14 50
Chas. A. Coville,	1 50
Elisha Grover,	11 25
Geo. P. Graves,	14 00

Henry Sharpe,	\$16 45
Fred Smith,	2 85
Arthur Waite,	4 50
J. E. Waite,	2 40
Levi Moore,	4 20
Lennie Sanderson,	4 50
Edward E. Smith,	15 75
Edward Dunham,	1 50
Chas. E. Bardwell,	24 10
Henry Sharpe,	3 00
Levi Moore,	63
Lyman Sanderson,	2 25
Geo. Graves,	3 00
Frank Sanderson,	4 25
John Graves,	1 25
E. E. Smith,	3 00
Willis F. Waite,	3 20
Seth B. Crafts,	69 80
Henry Sharpe,	3 62
J. E. Waite,	1 75
Chas. E. Bardwell,	5 50
Henry Guyett,	1 50
Frank Sanderson,	4 51
Morris Nolan,	2 25
S. & H. A. Wilder,	5 00
Arthur Jenney,	1 12
Frank E. Sanderson,	10 79
Watson Bardwell,	1 50
Willis F. Waite,	7 15
Hiram Bardwell,	9 90
E. A. Warner,	18 94
Ed. E. Sanderson,	4 06
Geo. P. Graves,	13 50
Fred Lucius Graves,	1 75
E. W. Bardwell,	8 56
Wm. Smith,	2 80
Geo. W. Skiff,	6 38

Chas. S. Sanderson,	2 87
Henry Guyett,	2 92
A. J. Coddington,	10 10
J. E. Waite,	3 70
Lennie Sanderson,	1 85
Chas. E. Bardwell,	29 17
Herbert Munson,	50
F. G. Bardwell,	1 75
L. F. Graves,	1 25
Thos. Brennan,	2 75
Warren P. Crafts,	4 57
Seth B. Crafts,	9 41
V. D. Bardwell,	2 40
Lyman Sanderson,	3 37
Elisha Grover,	3 38
Ed. E. Sanderson,	11 50
Jerre Murphy,	1 00
Chester Damon,	93
R. D. Waite,	75
F. G. Bardwell,	17 50
Hiram Dickinson,	11 51
E. C. Warner,	6 88
Lincoln Sanderson,	6 57
Lennie Sanderson,	1 62
David P. Wells,	1 00
Lincoln Sanderson,	1 25
Geo. B. McClellan,	12 50
Cooley B. Dickinson,	7 74
Willis F. Waite,	8 25
Geo. W. Skiff,	88
Geo. E. Sanderson,	2 50
Geo. Dickinson,	2 50
Seth B. Crafts,	11 62
Warren P. Crafts,	4 25
Chester Damon,	2 34
Fred L. Graves,	2 37
S. B. Bardwell,	1 25



Michael Flavin,	\$ .75
L. F. Graves,	6 42
Geo. E. Carroll,	1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	10 87
Chas. J. Smith,	6 00
Jerre Murphy,	2 50
Aaron Waite,	2 50
Walter Cooley,	1 25
Joseph Phelix,	1 25
Lincoln Sanderson,	10 87
Geo. P. Graves,	26 00
Geo. W. Moore,	59 12
	<hr/>
	\$896 60

Of the above expenditures, eighty-two dollars (\$82) was used in putting in a bank wall near Lester C. Clark's house.

#### TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY REPAIRS.

L. F. Graves, raising up and underpinning Town Hall,	10 20
“ “ hinges for hanging blinds,	8 25
Frank M. Logan, lumber and carpenter work,	42 28
Geo. E. Carroll, underpinning,	2 25
G. Lyman Graves, plastering,	1 50
James Haskins, tending mason and making mortar,	50
J. B. Bridges, lumber,	17 52
J. A. Sullivan, lime,	1 50
Luman S. Crafts, repairing blinds,	15 25
Chas. W. Field, hanging blinds,	5 15
Leander F. Crafts, paint, oil, and painting,	97 43
D. L. Crafts, carpenter work,	4 66
C. N. Fitts, linoleum for library,	30 00
	<hr/>
	\$236 49

## POOR.

Mrs. Lewis Morton, with Peter Bernash,	\$13 86
Mrs. Electa Hunt, with the Gould family,	133 55
J. D. Seymour, M. D., medicine for Electa Hunt,	22 00
Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett, support of Jewett family,	193 32
Minnie Hill's baby with Mrs. A. L. Adkins,	3 00
Albert W. Judd, at Medfield Insane Hospital,	49 49
Elisha Rhoad, at Pratt's in Shutesbury,	77 95
Dudley Belden, at Dwight Dickinson's,	101 96
Miles B. Morton,	3 23
Utley Smith, at Arthur Smith's,	24 50
J. D. Seymour, M. D., visit to Utley Smith,	1 00
Geo. W. Moore, carrying Utley Smith to Williamsburg,	2 50
	<hr/>
	\$626 36

## STATE AID UNDER CHAP. 301, ACTS 1894.

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$54 00
Stephen G. Stearns,	48 00
Bela K. Crafts,	48 00
Geo. W. Skiff,	52 00
Lucien Moody,	32 00
Luther M. Crafts,	72 00
Joseph L. Longley,	72 00
	<hr/>
	\$378 00

## SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Orders drawn amounting to	\$1,828 89
For statement in detail see School Committee report.	

## SALARY SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

E. W. Goodhue,	36 32
L. A. Pratt,	48 98
	<hr/>
	\$85 30

## LIBRARY.

Library Trustees' orders amounting to	\$175 11
See report of Trustees.	

## CEMETERIES.

Cemetery Commissioners' orders drawn,	55 33
See report of Commissioners.	

The income of the following gifts is to be used for cemetery purposes :

Miss Betsy Waite, \$100 deposited in Easthampton Savings Bank, to care for her and her father's lots in West Whately Cemetery.

Miss Mary Dickinson, \$1,000, secured by mortgage.

## OLD BILLS.

Patrick Flynn, highway work,	\$10 00
V. D. Bardwell, " "	1 80
John Flavin, " "	3 13
George P. Graves, " "	1 95
Mrs. E. Quinn,	1 50
Martin Tuomey,	1 25
James Powers,	1 50
J. S. Hallett,	75
A. E. Waite,	2 12
John M. Crafts,	63
John Blunkard,	2 37
O. E. Morton,	1 70
Seth B. Crafts,	7 37
John H. Pease,	5 70
	<hr/>
	\$41 77

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## ASSESSORS.

Cooley B. Dickinson,	\$25 00
M. J. Halloran,	25 62
Chas. H. Waite,	37 45
	<hr/>
	\$88 07

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Herbert E. Roote,	\$25 00
Henry S. Higgins,	25 00
Lyman S. Munson,	25 00
	<hr/>
	\$75 00

## SELECTMEN.

Lemuel F. Graves,	\$50 00
Willis F. Waite,	50 00
Seth B. Crafts,	100 00
	<hr/>
	\$200 00

## REGISTRARS.

Geo. A. Elder,	\$15 00
Seth B. Crafts,	15 00
L. F. Graves,	15 00
Willis F. Waite,	15 00
	<hr/>
	\$60 00

## BALLOT CLERKS.

Herbert E. Roote,	\$2 00
L. F. Crafts,	2 00
	<hr/>
	\$4 00



## COLLECTORS.

Francis E. Sanderson,	\$50 00
Geo. F. Pease,	75 00
	<hr/>
	\$125 00

## AUDITOR.

Lyman A. Crafts,	\$2.50
------------------	--------

## TREASURER.

Rylan C. Howes,	\$35 00
-----------------	---------

## COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb,	\$1,104 91
----------------	------------

## STATE TAX.

E. P. Shaw,	\$272 00
-------------	----------

## INTEREST.

E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	\$99 00
Treasurer Smith College,	7 78
	<hr/>
	\$106 78

## TOWN DEBT.

E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	\$1,300 00
------------------------------	------------

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

Smith College,	\$1,000 00
Seth B. Crafts,	250 00
	<hr/>
	\$1,250 00

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Geo. F. Pease,	\$159 09
----------------	----------

## ABATEMENTS.

Myron Crafts,	\$2 61
Geo. F. Pease,	45 23
	<hr/>
	\$47 84

## RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1898-99.

Supt. of Schools Salary,	\$85 30
Library,	175 11
Cemetery,	55 33
Bridges and Culverts,	409 93
Old Bills,	41 77
Contingent,	604 71
Highways,	896 60
Schools,	1,828 89
Poor,	626 36
Town Debt,	1,300 00
Interest,	106 78
Temporary Loans,	1,250 00
State Tax,	272 00
County Tax,	1,104 91
Discount,	159 09
Abatements,	47 84
State Aid,	378 00
Registrars and Ballot Clerks,	64 00
Town Officers,	525 57
Town Hall Repairs,	236 49
Iron Bridges,	721 25
	<hr/>
	\$10,889 93

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FEB. 22, 1899.

Note State Treasury,	\$1,000 00
Outstanding Orders, 1898-99,	888 71
	<hr/>
	\$1,888 71

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,878 01
“ “ income Mary Dickinson Cemetery Fund,	92 02
Due from State Aid,	351 50
Due from High School Tuitions,	208 00
Town Lands, 68½ acres,	300 00
	<hr/>
	\$2,829 53

## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	\$4,000 00
Library and Court Decisions,	800 00
Safe, Furniture in Hall and Library,	250 00
Store House,	50 00
Derrick, Road Machine, Scrapers,	200 00
Six School Houses,	2,000 00
	<hr/>
	\$7,300 00

SETH B. CRAFTS. } *Selectmen*  
 LEMUEL F. GRAVES, } *of*  
 WILLIS F. WAITE, } *Whately.*

WHATELY, MASS., Feb. 22, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Whately, that I find the same correct, and there is in the hands of Rylan C. Howes, Treasurer, and due the Town, One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and  $\frac{93}{100}$  (\$1,970.03), as shown by the books of the Treasurer. I also find the total of all orders paid by the Treasurer, including old outstanding orders, \$10,659.61, with total receipts, including cash in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, of \$12,629.64.

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

## Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1898.

---

There has been expended on North West Cemetery,	\$10 75
“ “ “ “ Centre Cemetery,	41 35
Received on the West Cemetery,	\$5 00
“ “ Centre Cemetery,	10 00
	<hr/>
	\$15 00
There has been expended on East Cemetery,	3 25
	<hr/>
	\$55 35

Our report shows that we have expended \$55.35, which is \$19.65 less than was raised last year. We would ask the Town to appropriate \$75 for the year 1899.

L. F. CRAFTS,  
D. ASHCRAFT.



# Report of Library Trustees.

---

In giving our annual report we are glad that the condition of the Library is such that it enables us to report it as prosperous.

We have added to the Library this year 120 new books, making a total of 2,279 volumes, besides numerous public documents. In selecting these books we have endeavored to choose the latest works of the best authors and have included among these several standard works.

The library room has been enlarged, giving additional space for at least 2,000 volumes, the floor covered with linoleum, and new lamps put in, all of which greatly improves the appearance of the place.

The patronage of the library increases each year, which shows that the public is interested in the welfare of the library. That this interest may be held, and the library kept up to its present standard, we respectfully ask for a liberal appropriation for the ensuing year.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Dog Fund,	64 06	
	<hr/>	\$164 06
Librarian's salary,	\$35 00	
Balch Bros.,	30 00	
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	100 83	
Extra labor,	2 50	
Sundries,	6 78	
	<hr/>	\$175 11

H. E. ROOTE,  
C. E. CRAFTS,  
C. B. DICKINSON.



# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

---

*To the Citizens of Whately :*

Your Committee deem it unnecessary in presenting their report at the close of the fiscal year, to say much in explanation, as a detailed report of the Superintendent of Schools will follow. We are pleased to say that the services of our new Superintendent, L. A. Pratt, have been acceptable, and profitable to both teacher and scholar. To those who have visited the schools this fact is apparent. We hope the services of Superintendent will be continued.

The South West School has been discontinued ; with the few scholars in attendance, your Committee found they could be transported to the North West district, with better advantages for themselves, and less cost to the town.

We heartily endorse the plan whereby the scholars of the town would be brought together at some central point, a modern and convenient building erected, with a system of gradation suitable to our needs established. We believe a marked improvement would be noticed over the present one ; we can but expect, however, that criticism will be raised in making so radical a change, but we present this with the hope that you will give it your intelligent consideration, and be prepared when the time comes, to vote in the affirmative.

The total attendance has been as follows :

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
North Center,	21	23	20
South Center,	20	19	19
South East,	17	23	24
North West,	12	24	18
South West,	5		
	—	—	—
	75	89	81

There has been but one change in teachers during the year, all having given good satisfaction. It is impossible to keep a large supply of books on hand, as new ones are being introduced from time to time, but there is a good stock of other supplies on hand.

As you will notice, comparatively little money has been expended for repairs, the buildings are in good order, with a few needed improvements for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. HIGGINS, }  
 LYMAN S. MUNSON, } *School*  
 HERBERT E. ROOTE, } *Committee.*



## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for Schools, Books, Repairs,	\$1,600 00	
Income from State Treas. on account High		
School Tuitions,	330 00	
Appropriation for Superintendent,	125 00	
Income of State Superintendency,	60 50	
"        "    School Fund,	455 55	
H. C. Pease, shingles,	56	
C. H. Waite, paper,	10	
	<hr/>	\$2,571 71

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$1,118 50	
Care of School Houses,	42 50	
Books and Supplies,	141 62	
Labor and Repairs,	88 84	
Fuel,	53 49	
Miscellaneous,	126 56	
High School Tuitions,	258 00	
Superintendent,	84 68	
Balance unexpended,	657 52	
	<hr/>	\$2,571 71

## EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

North Center School, Miss Florence Whiting, teaching	
10 weeks at \$7.00,	\$70 00
11 " " 7.50,	82 50
Miss Anna B. Flavin, teaching	
12 weeks at 8.50,	102 00
South Center School. Mrs. H. K. White, teaching	
21 weeks at 7.50,	157 50
12 " " 8.00,	96 00
South East School, Geo. F. Pease, teaching	
33 weeks at 8.50,	280 50

North West School, Miss Bertha Hodges, teaching	
10 weeks at 7.00,	\$70 00
11 " " 8.00,	88 00
12 " " 8.50,	102 00
South West School, Miss Mary Gould, teaching	
10 weeks at 7.00,	70 00
	<hr/>
	\$1,118 50

## CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

South East School :	
John Hayes, janitor,	\$3 50
Geo. F. Pease, "	3 00
Mrs. Wm. Trim, cleaning,	3 00
H. S. Higgins, "	1 50
North Center School :	
Monte Crafts, janitor,	7 00
" " cleaning,	1 50
Mrs. Haskins, "	1 00
South Centre School :	
Willie Nolan, janitor,	5 00
Roy Field, "	25
Leon Brown, "	2 75
James Haskins, cleaning,	1 00
Mrs. David Callahan,	3 00
North West School :	
Mrs. Fred Smith, cleaning,	3 00
George Grover, janitor,	5 50
South West School :	
Argie Waite, janitor,	1 50
	<hr/>
	\$42 50

## REPAIRS AND LABOR.

M. Morton, putting up blackboards,	\$8 00
H. S. Higgins, cash paid laying foundations,	11 25
A. E. Waite, laying shingles, labor,	2 10
D. L. Crafts, labor,	1 50
L. F. Crafts, papering and painting North and South Center school rooms,	30 68
H. S. Higgins, cash paid for shingles and drawing, nails, etc.,	7 90
O. D. Case & Co., blackboards,	21 94
L. S. Munson, cash paid for repairs,	5 47
	<hr/>
	\$88 84

## FUEL.

C. A. Coville, 12 cords wood,	\$52 49
H. S. Higgins, drawing from N. E. to S. E.,	1 00
	<hr/>
	\$53 49

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$5 56
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	22 26
H. E. Roote,	5 45
Ginn & Co.,	20 90
University Publishing Co.,	1 20
American Book Co.,	16 94
Morse Company,	1 20
Milton Bradley Co.,	4 93
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	6 00
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	22 45
DeWolf, Fisk & Co.,	6 50
H. S. Higgins,	3 00
C. N. Fitts,	10 00
M. Howes,	3 13
Geo. F. King & Co.,	12 10
	<hr/>

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

Tuitions paid at Greenfield High School,	\$108 00
“ “ Northampton “ “	150 00
	<hr/>
	\$258 00

## SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue, month of March, 1898,	\$9 08
“ “ “ April, “	9 08
“ “ “ May, “	9 08
“ “ “ June, “	9 08
L. A. Pratt, “ Sept., “	8 06
“ “ “ Oct., “	8 06
“ “ “ Nov., “	8 06
“ “ “ Dec., “	8 06
“ “ “ Jan., 1899,	8 06
“ “ “ Feb., “	8 06
	<hr/>
	\$84 68

## MISCELLANEOUS.

H. E. Roote, freight on blackboards,	\$1 36
W. J. Gould, moving school supplies,	50
E. W. Goodhue, postage, stationery, express,	1 91
Nelson Wing, transportation of children, 12 weeks at \$3,	36 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1½ “ “	3 60
L. A. Pratt, postage and stationery,	62
Miss Mary Gould, care of school books,	5 00
H. S. Higgins, express, freight, postage, stationery, on books and supplies,	8 57
Leslie E. Waite, transportation of children, 23 weeks at \$3,	69 00
	<hr/>
	\$126 56



# Superintendent's Report.

---

*To the School Committee of Whately:—*

In compliance with the requirements of your regulations, we herewith present for your consideration our first annual report. It is the tenth of this department under district supervision. We entered upon the duties of the office, July 1, 1898, and as the term of service has been short the report must necessarily deal more with conditions as observed than with any account of results attained.

The distribution of time by the joint board has required a slight decrease in the amount bestowed upon your schools. The allotment has been essentially followed. A careful record of all visits and calls, and of the work done, has been kept. It is always open for inspection. In the visits we have endeavored to observe carefully the methods of each teacher; to examine the work done, or expected to be done by the pupils; to justly estimate the general and special results secured; and to note the failure to secure the expected or desired results. Only by a thorough understanding of the work each teacher is doing, can a superintendent have that knowledge which will enable him to be most helpful to the teacher; and only by a just and generous appreciation of the faithful and conscientious work done by both teacher and pupils can he come into those cordial and sympathetic relations with the schools, which are among the most helpful and inspiring influences in the school-room. The register is examined, and absences noted; when these absences are frequent, inquiry is made and an explanation is asked for. The discipline is observed; suggestions in regard to school manage-

ment and attendance are made, and attention is called to approved methods of teaching, and to how the teaching may be most effective.

In the conduct of the schools we have tried to utilize whatever of good there may be in material, means, and method, and while avoiding startling changes, to work gradually toward a high and uniform standard. In this way, it is hoped, even radical reforms may be wrought while steady advancement is made. Other changes will be suggested as occasion may require, and experience demonstrate their usefulness. Real progress in education is of slow growth, and time is a very important factor. Statistics can indicate only partially the quantity of work done. The quality of the instruction given, the influences that are moulding the minds and characters of the children, can best be learned from personal observation. Parents should visit the schools often. A great hindrance in the way of making our schools what they ought to be, is a want of rational and definite information on the part of the many, of their aim, their condition and their needs. An intimate acquaintance with the schools would beget a sympathy which would be a potent factor for the best good of all. Irregularity of attendance, the great drawback to the progress of the schools would diminish, and improvements in many ways be manifested. Even moderate success is hardly possible unless a good attendance is secured. If all the pupils entitled to be enrolled were punctual in attendance, results would convince the parents that such patronage pays. And here we would leave one thought with the parents. The school system is the largest business enterprise of the town. You have about ninety pupils, each of whom is to be considered as a worker building up his own education under the teacher's direction. As in any other business the work can only be carried on successfully under suitable conditions. To be successful the school work should be considered the vocation of the pupil during the years of school life. Too often every other interest absorbs the attention, and then if any time and strength be left, it may be given to school. Much may be done by school officers

toward achieving success, but if parents and children neglect the opportunities afforded, results must be unsatisfactory.

Your attention is called to a few quotations from recent reports of your former superintendent, Mr. Goodhue. "There are several conditions existing in a district like this, which make difficult the raising of the schools above a certain degree of efficiency." "There is a certain point beyond which it is difficult to advance the standard in common schools." "It is recommended that there be established a central graded school at a place most convenient for all pupils in town. The advantages of such an arrangement are too well known to need re-stating here." "While the adverse conditions mentioned in the last report, still remain in considerable measure, yet there is a commendable desire on the part of school officers to overcome them, and some progress has been made. In the town of Sunderland these are reduced to the minimum. All the scholars in that town are accommodated in one building." These statements clearly indicate that the feasibility of centralization was not unappreciated. Without doubt consolidation in this town is in the interests both of economy and efficiency. The plan ensures the employment and retention of better teachers. The building, janitor service, grading and classification of pupils, teaching, school spirit and attendance—nearly all those things that contribute to a good school, should be distinctly better, and in general, are better as a result of such consolidation. It renders the work of the superintendent far more effective. His plans and efforts can all be concentrated into something tangible. The ideal classified school can teach and does teach proper methods of study; the rural school cannot do this effectively in its short recitations. It is because of this that wise directors of education have desired the consolidation of small schools into large schools wherever practicable. Wisdom is needed in adjusting the details of the plan to individual cases. But this has been secured to such a degree and the law is so beneficial that in operation it meets with universal favor. Results are in general highly satisfactory to the parents and voters, and are helping to solve the

question,—what can be done for the small schools scattered in the sparsely populated portions of the state? In Massachusetts there was expended for transportation in 1897-8 \$123,032.41. All towns of less valuation than \$3,000,000, of which Whately is one, have an additional advantage in the distribution of the income from the State School Fund, if money is raised by taxation for this purpose. An object lesson is furnished by the experience of Sunderland in which town the per cent. of attendance is the highest of the towns comprising this district, that of Whately being the lowest. The comparative cost of educating a child in the large or small school is a convincing argument to the frugal tax-payer. The number of towns to take advantage of this means to improve the character of their educational work is constantly increasing, and the experience of towns where it is in operation has clearly shown that the anticipated difficulties disappear when the trial is made. It has been found that the danger to the children from exposure on the way to and from school is less than when attending the district school, the dangers apprehended from the association of the children during the noon hour have been found to be unfounded, and the anticipated depreciation of farm values through closing the local school has not been realized, but on the contrary those values have increased because of the increased educational opportunities offered.

The policy which has been pursued by your board, of granting to the teachers at different times throughout the year a day for visiting other schools is commendable and may be productive of much real benefit to our schools. It has been thought by some that these days are mere holidays. They should be days of hard conscientious work on the part of the teachers. The visits should not be made indiscriminately nor for the purpose of a social call upon some friend and co-worker. The teachers have been expected to render to the Superintendent an account of their visits in accordance with a printed form which was given them. A portion of the form is as follows:

6. Exercises conducted. State fully what was done while you were in the room. Time spent.



7. What especially interested you?
8. What did you see which you think it would be well to introduce into your own work?
9. What did you see which you would avoid?
10. To what extent were you benefited by visiting and in what ways?

It can readily be seen that these reports may be of great help to the visiting teacher. Extracts from the reports on file in this office will be of interest as showing their character: "I saw the need as never before of care in conducting the reading in my own classes." "I come back more than ever determined to have good order." "I saw nothing to avoid." "I gained ideas as to busy work." "I was benefited chiefly by watching throughout the day two systematic teachers." "I had grown careless. I hope this time I can remember and profit."

A strict attention to systematic work is of the utmost importance. To this end a carefully prepared program of daily work has been urged. In some cases very good results are achieved while in others the teacher has seemed wholly unable to prepare or follow such a working plan.

The necessity of regular meetings of your board should not be overlooked. Such meetings would give the superintendent opportunity to render more frequent reports upon school conditions. Only by permitting him to confer with the full board in a candid manner regarding special needs of certain schools can best results be obtained. The early preparation of a school calendar will aid in systematizing the work of all connected with the schools, either parents or officers. The advantage of teachers' meetings is fully appreciated. These should be held at frequent intervals throughout the year. There has seemed to be so many obstacles in the way that instead of them a great deal of individual work has been done with teachers before and after school. We are convinced, however, that no amount of such work can take the place of the regular teachers' meeting. The institutes held by the State Board of Education and the county conventions are additional agents in the professional



education of our teachers. Attendance upon such institutes should be made compulsory. In no other way will teachers be kept up with the progress of the times.

The following table may give some idea of the attendance, and of other items of general interest for the year :

SCHOOLS.	No. of Weeks.	Boys Enrolled.	Girls Enrolled.	Attendance in days.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Tardiness.	Dismissal.	Days lost by Tardiness and Dismissals.	Visitors.
North West,	33	13	5	2438	16.83	15.26	96.71	16	6	1.67	16
South West,	10	1	4	226.5	4.48	4.08	91	6	4	.91	6
South East,	33	19	8	2807.5	20.39	18.33	89.81	34	20	3.59	24
North Center,	33	13	11	2880.5	19.15	17.45	91.12	82	65	16.69	73
South Center,	33	11	13	2419.5	16.24	14.77	90.94	23	73	10.38	22
For the Town		57	41	10772.	77.09	69.89	90.96	161	168	33.24	141

In closing we desire to thank most cordially all those whose sympathy and co-operation we have enjoyed during the perplexities incident to our first year's work in a new field.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. PRATT,

*Supt. of Schools.*

Whately, Mass., Feb. 13, 1899.





